A LICENCE for purchaſing in MORTMAIN to the yearly value of One thouſand pounds, granted to the Preſident, Council, and Fellows of the ROYAL SOCIETY of London, by King GEORGE the FIRST, in the year MDCCXXV.

GEORGE by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, *etc*, to all to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, greeting. WHEREAS our truſty and well beloved the Preſident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge have by their Petition humbly repreſented unto us, that our late royal predeceſſor, King Charles the Second, by Letters Patents [1], bearing date the Two and twentieth day of April, in the Fifteenth year of his reign, did ordain conſtitute and appoint the ſaid Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, and did thereby grant them *Licence to purchaſe in Mortmain*; that ſince the grant of the ſaid Letters Patents, ſeveral well-diſpoſed Perſons have deviſed and granted to the

[1] *So in the* Original.

Petitioners, and their ſucceſſors, divers lands and hereditaments, and given ſeveral ſums of money to them, for the uſe of the ſaid corporation; that the Petitioners being deſirous to inveſt the ſame money in the moſt durable manner, for the improvement of the ſaid corporation, have moſt humbly prayed us to grant to them our Royal Licence to hold and enjoy the lands and hereditaments, which have been deviſed and granted to them; to purchaſe hold and enjoy to them, and their ſucceſſors for ever, for the uſe and benefit of the ſaid corporation, ſuch manors lands tenements and hereditaments, as they ſhall think fit to purchaſe, or ſhall receive by will, or any deed of conveyance, not exceeding the yearly value of *One thouſand pounds:* We are graciouſly pleaſed to grant their requeſt. KNOW YE therefore, that we, of our eſpecial grace certain knowledge and meer motion, HAVE given and granted, and by theſe preſents for us our heirs and ſucceſſors DO give and grant, unto the Preſident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge aforeſaid, and their ſucceſſors, our eſpecial Licence, full power, and lawful and abſolute authority, to hold and enjoy the lands and hereditaments, which have been already deviſed or granted to the ſaid corporation, as aforeſaid; and alſo to purchaſe acquire take hold and receive in Mortmain, in perpetuity or otherwiſe, to or to the uſe of or in truſt for them or their ſucceſſors, for the uſe and benefit of the ſaid corporation, from any perſon or perſons, bodies politic and corporate, their heirs and ſucceſſors reſpectively, ſuch manors lands tenements rents or hereditaments, as they ſhall think fit to purchaſe, or ſhall receive by writ, or any deed of conveyance, not exceeding the yearly value of One thouſand pounds above all charges and reprizes. AND we do

hereby alſo for us our heirs and ſucceſſors give and grant our eſpecial Licence, full power, and lawful and abſolute authority, to any perſon or perſons, bodies politic or corporate, their heirs and ſucceſſors reſpectively, to grant alien ſell convey and diſpoſe of in Mortmain, in perpetuity or otherwiſe, to or to the uſe of or in truſt for the Preſident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge aforeſaid, and their ſucceſſors, any manors lands tenements rents or hereditaments whatſoever, not exceeding the yearly value of One thouſand pounds. AND LASTLY, we do hereby, for us our heirs and ſucceſſors, grant unto the Preſident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge aforeſaid, and their ſucceſſors, that theſe our Letters Patents, or the Inrollment or Exemplification thereof, ſhall be in and by all things good firm valid ſufficient and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; NOTWITHSTANDING the not rightly naming or deſcribing any of the manors lands tenements rents or hereditaments already deviſed or granted to the ſaid corporation, or to be granted deviſed aliened or diſpoſed of in Mortmain to them, and their ſucceſſors, in fee or otherwiſe, as aforeſaid; or any other omiſſion imperfection defect matter cauſe or thing whatſoever to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding. IN WITNESS whereof we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents. WITNESS Our ſelf at Weſtminſter, the Seventeenth day of December, in the Eleventh year of our reign.

By writ of Privy Seal.

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